

this 1-year authorization are unlikely to result in measureable cumulative effects. However, this will be a subject for future review as commercial payload launches from Vandenberg increase over the next few years.

Comment 4. NMFS requires a report only at the end of the authorization period. The MMC recommends at a minimum the Air Force should report killed and injured animals immediately and that the authorization should be rescinded if a marine mammal is killed or injured as a result of the authorization.

Response. NMFS will require as part of the authorization that the Air Force submit a monitoring report, no later than 90 days after each Delta II launch. Because no humans are allowed on the coastline adjacent to the launch pad during launches, launch effect observations are limited to time-lapse photography. This limits the cause and effect criterion necessary to revoke an authorization. If there are indications that more than harassment takings are occurring, NMFS will review the evidence to determine appropriate action.

Comment 5. The MMC recommends that NMFS consult with the Air Force to determine whether a 5-year authorization under section 101(a)(5)(A) would be more appropriate.

Response. NMFS agrees with this recommendation and several months ago discussed this option with the Air Force. The Air Force's 5-year authorization, which expires on September 23, 1996, is limited to Titan IV launches. We anticipate they will apply for a new 5-year authorization late this year or early next year, which should include all planned launches at Vandenberg. In the interim, while this new authorization request is being prepared and new regulations proposed, the Air Force will continue to apply for incidental harassment authorizations for launches.

Conclusion

Based upon the information provided in the proposed authorization, NMFS has determined that the short-term impact of the launching of Delta II rockets is expected to result at worst, in a temporary reduction in utilization of the haulout as seals or sea lions leave the beach for the safety of the water. These launchings are not expected to result in any reduction in the number of pinnipeds, and they are expected to continue to occupy the same area. In addition, there will not be any impact on the habitat itself. Based upon studies conducted for previous space vehicle launches at Vandenberg, significant

long-term impacts on pinnipeds at Vandenberg and the northern Channel Islands are unlikely.

Therefore, since NMFS is assured that the taking will not result in more than the harassment (as defined by the MMPA Amendments of 1994) of a small number of harbor seals, California sea lions, and northern elephant seals; would have only a negligible impact on the species, and would result in the least practicable impact on the stock, NMFS determined that the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) had been met and the incidental harassment authorization was issued.

Dated: October 2, 1995.

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Patent and Trademark Office

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Request for Comments on Proposed Examination Guidelines for Computer-Implemented Inventions; Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period and document availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the legal analysis referred to in the Request for Comments on Proposed Examination Guidelines for Computer-Implemented Inventions and extends the comment period of the notice until November 13, 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 13, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Box 8, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231, marked to the attention of Nancy J. Linck, Solicitor. Comments may also be submitted by telefax at (730) 305-9373 or by electronic mail through the INTERNET to "comments-software@uspto.gov."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen A. Buchanan, Associate Solicitor, by telephone at (703) 305-9035, by telefax at 703-305-9373, or by mail to her attention addressed to Box 8, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231.

The legal analysis may be obtained from Karen A. Buchanan. In addition, the legal analysis is available through anonymous file transfer protocol (ftp) via the Internet (address: ftp://

ftp.uspto.gov/pub/software/) and through the World Wide Web (address: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/software/>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 2, 1995 (60 FR 28778), the PTO published its Request for Comments on Proposed Examination Guidelines for Computer-Implemented Inventions. This notice reported that a legal analysis supporting the guidelines was being prepared. The legal analysis is now available and may be obtained from Karen A. Buchanan, who can be reached using the information indicated above.

The Patent and Trademark Office is also extending the comment period until November 13, 1995, in order to give the public an opportunity to include comments on the guidelines in light of the legal analysis which is now being made available.

Dated: October 4, 1995.

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Acting Commissioner of Patents and
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Medical and Dental Reimbursement Rates for Fiscal Year 1996

Notice is hereby given that the Deputy Chief Financial Officer in a memorandum dated September 22, 1995, established the following reimbursement rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care to be provided in FY 1996. These rates are effective October 1, 1995.

INPATIENT OUTPATIENT AND OTHER RATES AND CHARGES

Per inpatient day	International military education and training (IMET)	Inter-agency and other Federal agency sponsored patients	Other
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I. Inpatient Rates ^{1 2}

A. Burn Center	\$1,871	\$3,564	\$3,794
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